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THE HEDGEHOG



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WELCOME TO THE PLANET *MOBIUS*--A WORLD UNIQUE AND BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*! WHERE *SONIC* AND THE HEROIC *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* WORK TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL!

SONIC...THE CHEERING...

IT'S NOT FOR US.

DARK TIDINGS

YAAAAAY!
NAUGUS!
NAUGUS!
NAUGUS!

HAHHHA-HA-HA! DO YOU SEE, NEW MOBOTROPOLIS? I CAN PROTECT YOU FROM NICOLE AND DR. EGG MAN. TELL ME...WHO SHOULD BE YOUR KING?

YOU!

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SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

IXIS NAUGUS
(EVIL) WIZARD

ELIAS ACORN
KING OF NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS

MECHA SALLY
ROBOTICIZED
PRINCESS

KING! NAUGUS! KING! NAUGUS!



THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN, BOY. YOU HAVE HEARD MY CLAIM TO THE CROWN. *PASS IT TO ME.

YOU SERVED THE TWO GENERATIONS OF ACORNS KINGS BEFORE ME. I WON'T BE THE ONE TO GIVE IT UP TO YOU NOW.



YOU SEEMED SO REASONABLE BEFORE THE ATTACK...

*STH # 223-224.



NO NO NO! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MINDS?! NAUGUS IS THE BAD GUY!

WE CAN CHOOSE THE COUNCIL! WE SHOULD CHOOSE OUR KING, TOO!

YEAH!!



YOU WANT TO SHAKE THINGS UP WHEN THE DEATH EGG IS FLYING AROUND?! YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THIS WHEN SALLY'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED?!

...WHAT?





FOCUS, GEOFF, FOCUS.

SETTLE THIS FIRST, THEN WORRY ABOUT SAVING HER...

PRINCESS SALLY'S ...GONE?

BUT I THOUGHT...

ROBOTICIZED?!

WHO'S GOING TO LEAD...?!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ROBOTICIZED"? THAT TECHNOLOGY ISN'T SUPPOSED TO WORK ANY-MORE!

I'M... I'M SORRY, ELIAS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU.



EGGMAN DID SOMETHING, THE WORLD BLANKED OUT FOR A SECOND,* AND NOW ROBOTICIZERS WORK, I GUESS. SALLY... SHE SAVED US BY DESTROYING IT, BUT...

THAT WHITE-OUT WAS THE DOCTOR'S DOING? SO HE'S THE REASON I HEAR...

*"GENESIS" STH # 226-229.



US? YES.

THAT BODY WILL BE OURS AGAIN...

QUIET, ALL OF YOU! LET HIM SEIZE UPON THIS OPPORTUNITY!

OPPOR-
TUNITY?

YOU
WANT THE
YOUNG KING'S
CROWN.

YOU'VE
PROVEN TO BE
MORE POWERFUL,
BUT NOW YOU
CAN MAKE HIM
LOOK WEAKER
STILL...

...AND
BOTH
PLANES
ARE
DOWN.

AND YOU
SAID THE
DEFENSES WERE
TOO MUCH. WE
...WE NEED
ANOTHER WAY
ONTO...

YES...
YESSSS...

MY DEAR MOBIANS!
IN THESE DIRE TIMES, DO
YOU WANT A KING WHO IS
DISTRACTED BY LOSS
AND HEART-BREAK?
THE POOR WRETCH...

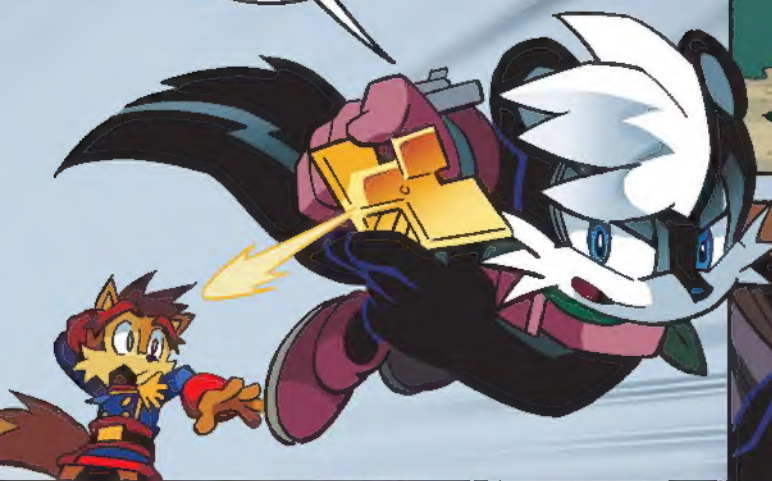
DO
YOU
HAVE
ANY
CLASS
?!

OR DO YOU WANT A MAN
WHO, BY ELIAS' OWN AD-
MISSION, HAS LIVED ONLY
TO SERVE THE KINGDOM
WITH ALL HIS POWER?

WHO
YOU
KNOW
CAN
PROTECT
YOU?

YEAH!

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN!



THEY WANT THE TRUE KING OF MOBOTROPOLIS. HAIL TO OUR PROTECTOR!

YAYYY!

YOU DON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT SALLY? ABOUT BETRAYING EVERYTHING SHE LIVED FOR?

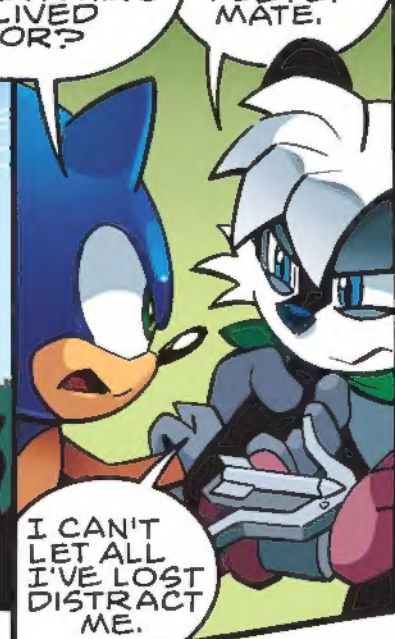
I HAVE MY MISSION TO COMPLETE, MATE.



SAVE US FROM THE EGGMAN!

SAVE THE PRINCESS!

BRICK AND MORTAR!



I CAN'T LET ALL I'VE LOST DISTRACT ME.

OH, YEAH, STINKY, YOU'RE A REAL HERO.

GROW UP.

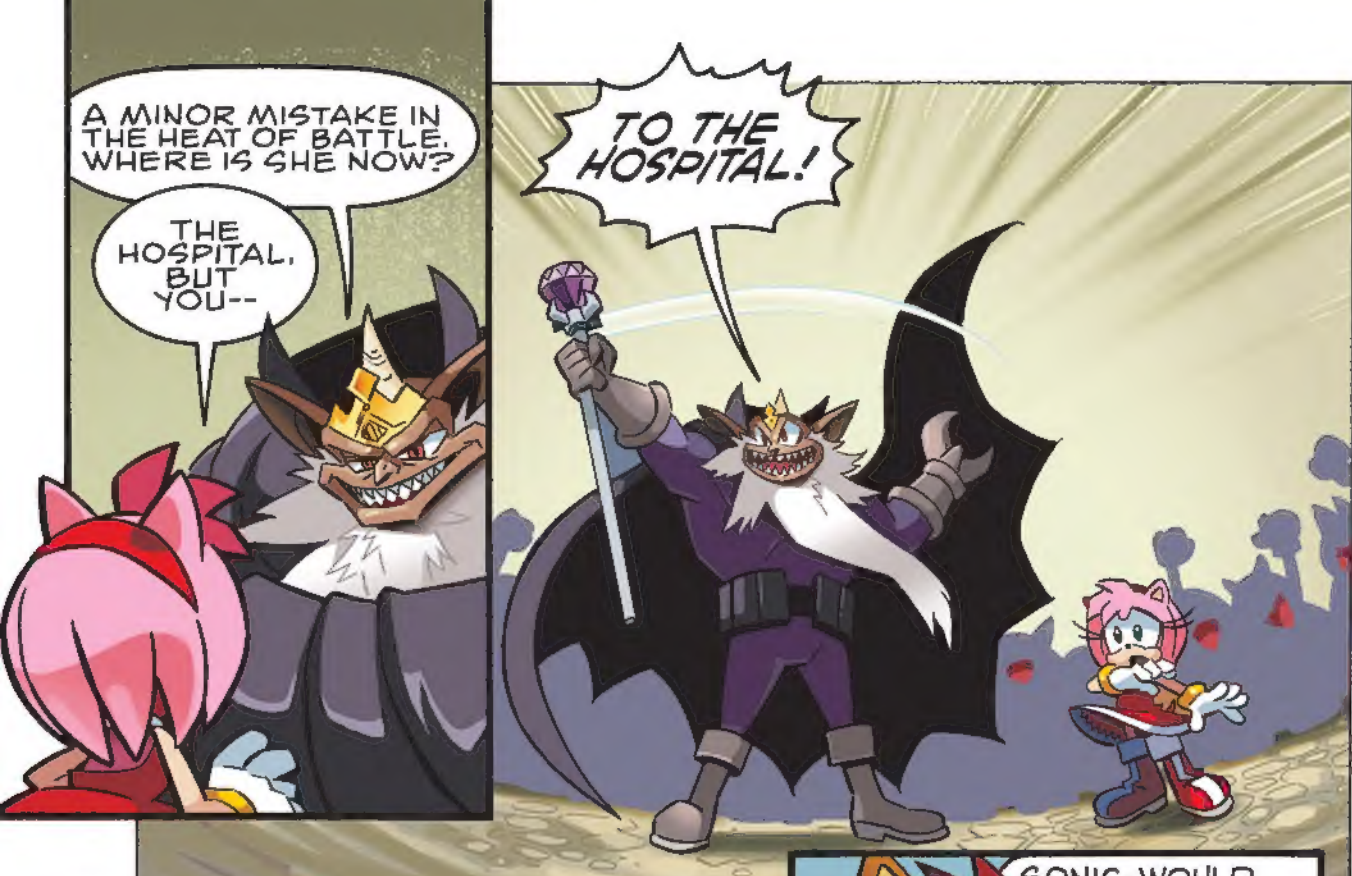
WHAT ABOUT BUNNIE? NAUGUS' MAGIC CRYSTALLIZED HALF HER BODY!



A MINOR MISTAKE IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, WHERE IS SHE NOW?

THE HOSPITAL, BUT YOU--

TO THE HOSPITAL!



THIS IS CRAZY! WHEN DID EVERYTHING START FALLING APART?

HE TOOK THE CROWN... HE TOOK THE KINGDOM AND THE PEOPLE, AND WITH SALLY GONE...

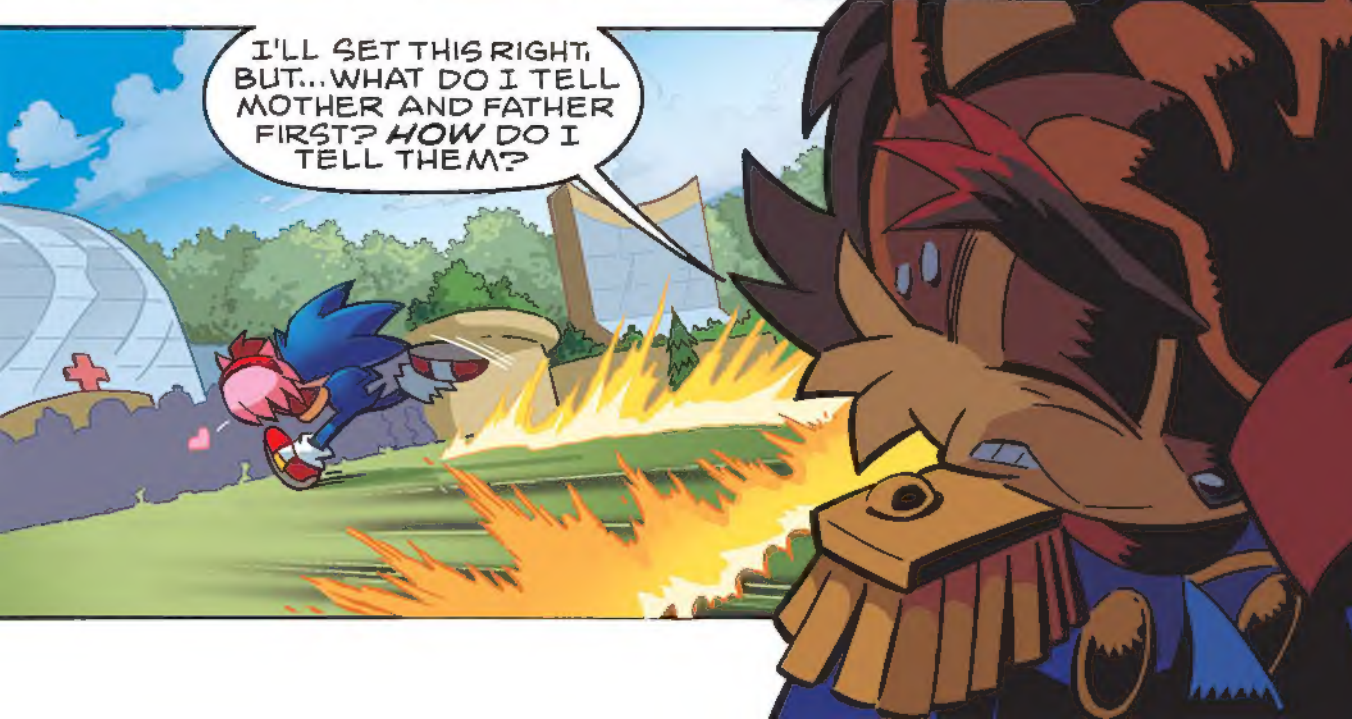
SONIC, WOULD YOU SEE TO BUNNIE? I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE CASTLE AND... TAKE CARE OF THINGS.



LEAVE IT TO YOUR NUMBER ONE HEDGEHOG, KINGY.



I'LL SET THIS RIGHT, BUT... WHAT DO I TELL MOTHER AND FATHER FIRST? HOW DO I TELL THEM?



TOMMY
TURTLE
MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL.

YER
GONNA
TURN
ME
BACK
TO
NORMAL...
RIGHT?

OF
COURSE.

NON! HE IS
NOT KING! HE
WILL NOT
TOUCH HER!
I WILL NOT
ALLOW IT!

MEDICINE CAN'T
HELP HER NOW.
I DON'T LIKE IT
EITHER, BUT WE
NEED HIS BRAND
OF HOCUS-POCUS.

NICOLE, CAN YOU
OPEN THE WALL...

...SO THE
CROWD CAN
SEE THIS
FARCE?

NICOLE?
HELLO? YOU
AWAKE?

RELAX,
YOU WON'T
FEEL A
THING.

SOMEHOW
AH DOUBT
THAT...

FWASH

OH...
OH... MAH
STARS...

AH DON'T...
IT CAN'T BE...
AH'M FLESH-
N'BLOOD
AGAIN!

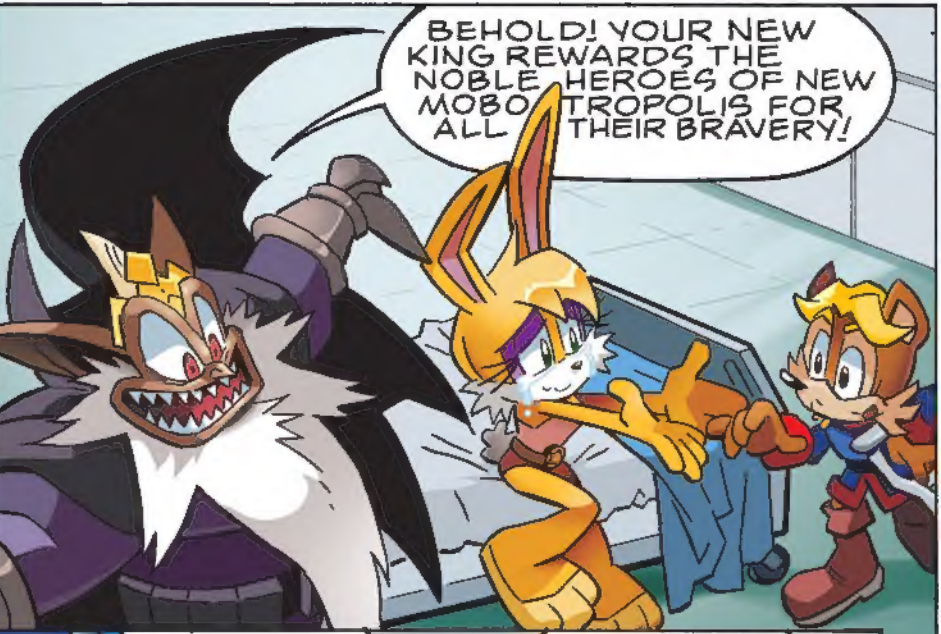


HOW DID
...?

YOU
MEANT
TO DO
THAT,
TOTALLY
INTENTIONAL.



BEHOLD! YOUR NEW
KING REWARDS THE
NOBLE HEROES OF NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS FOR
ALL THEIR BRAVERY!



I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT...

THANKS FOR
SETTING
THAT UP
FOR ME.

COULDN'T
HAVE DONE
IT BETTER
MYSELF.



ALL RIGHT, SO THAT IDEA BACK-FIRED. AT LEAST BUNNIE GOT SOMETHING OUT OF IT.

SONIC! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WE NEED A PLAN TO SAVE SALLY!

YEAH... I THINK I'VE GOT SOMETHING.

YOU TWO FILL IN THE COUNCIL AND EVERYONE ELSE ABOUT SALLY AND THE DEATH EGG.

I'LL HANDLE THE RESCUE PLAN.

BUT, SONIC --!

--YOU WERE THE ONLY OTHER ONE ON THE DEATH EGG.

WE DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS...

YO, NICOLE!
PATCH ME THROUGH
TO ANGEL ISLAND!
I NEED TO SEE
KNUCKLES! AND
WHILE YOU'RE AT
IT, THE CITY NEEDS
TO BE PATCHED
UP, Y'KNOW?

NICOLE?
YOU IN
THERE?

LISTEN, I'M
GOING TO GET
SALLY BACK.
BUT I NEED
TO GET IN
TOUCH WITH
KNUCKLES TO
DO THAT. TELL
HIM TO OPEN
A WARP RING
TO FREEDOM
HQ, OKAY?





CAN YOU AT LEAST TALK TO ME? DON'T HIDE BEHIND TEXT. C'MON, NICOLE, SAY SOME--



ER... THANKS. LOOK, WE'LL TALK WHEN I GET BACK, OKAY? NICOLE? WE'LL TALK.



THERE HE IS. AM I DONE PLAYING OPERATOR NOW?

SURE, THANKS, 'SU.

JUST THE ECHIDNAS I WANTED TO SEE! DUDE, I NEED A WARP RING!



MIGHTY AND RAY TOOK ONE*...

... AND SEND US LETTERS THROUGH IT!

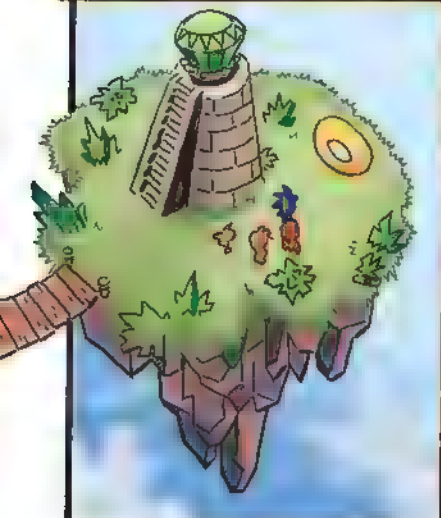
... AND YOU JUST STEPPED THROUGH THE SPARE. WHAT'S UP?

WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS...

*STH# 212.

ONE LENGTHY EXPLANATION LATER...

YOU LET HER GET ROBOTICIZED... AND THEN YOU LET EGGMAN GET AWAY WITH HER?!



YEAH, GENIUS, I JUST LET IT HAPPEN!

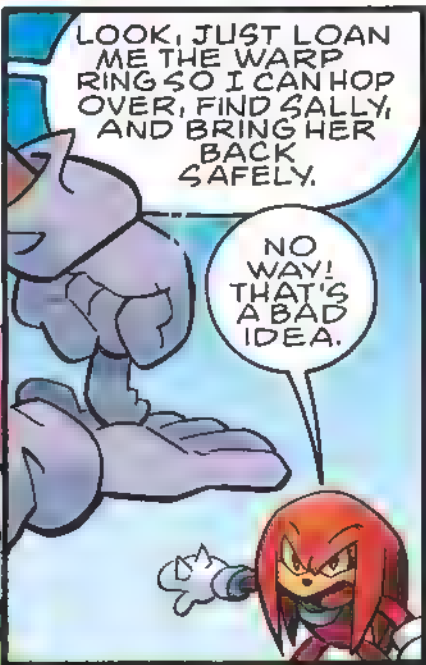
AND WHEN WERE YOU GOING TO TELL US ABOUT THE DEATH EGG?!

YOU'RE ON A FLYING ISLAND! YOU'D SEE IT COMING!

EASY, KNUX...

LOOK, JUST LOAN ME THE WARP RING SO I CAN HOP OVER, FIND SALLY, AND BRING HER BACK SAFELY.

NO WAY! THAT'S A BAD IDEA.



ONE-- YOU HAVE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO USE IT!


TWO-- IF HE HID A WHOLE DEATH EGG FROM YOU, THEN WHO KNOWS...

...WHAT ELSE HE'S GOT HIDDEN IN THERE?


AND THREE-- IF YOU BUNGLE THIS, EGGMAN COULD GET THE WARP RING AND USE IT AGAINST US!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S--?! IT WOULD TOTALLY--! YOU'RE A BAD IDEA!





IF THIS WAS ABOUT FINDING ALL YOUR ANCESTORS, YOU'D BE ALL FOR IT!




YOU THINK IT'S SO SIMPLE?!



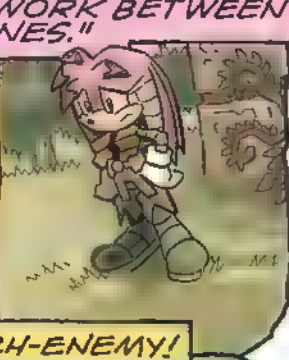
"FOR ONE THING, WE WERE TOLD WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BROTHERHOOD!"*



*STH # 183.

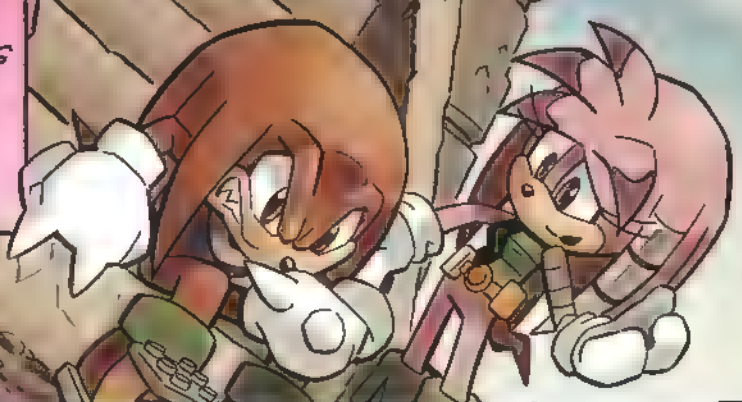


"SO WE TRIED TO USE A WARPING RING TO RESCUE THEM... BUT EVEN THOUGH WE KNEW WHERE TO GO, IT WOULDN'T TRANSPORT US."



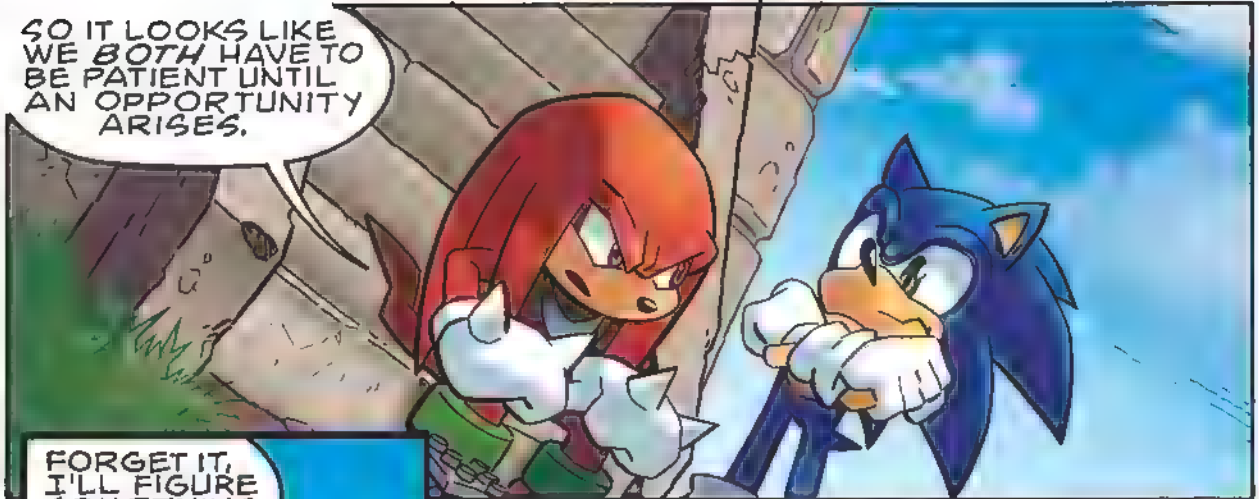
"DR. FINITEVUS** INVENTED THEM, SO HE MUST HAVE SOME SPECIAL WAY OF GETTING THEM TO WORK BETWEEN ZONES."

**KNUCKLES' ARCH-ENEMY!



"EVEN IF IT HAD WORKED, WE'D HAVE NO IDEA WHAT DANGERS WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE. THAT WAS MY POINT THEN, AND IT STILL APPLIES NOW."

SO IT LOOKS LIKE WE BOTH HAVE TO BE PATIENT UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES.



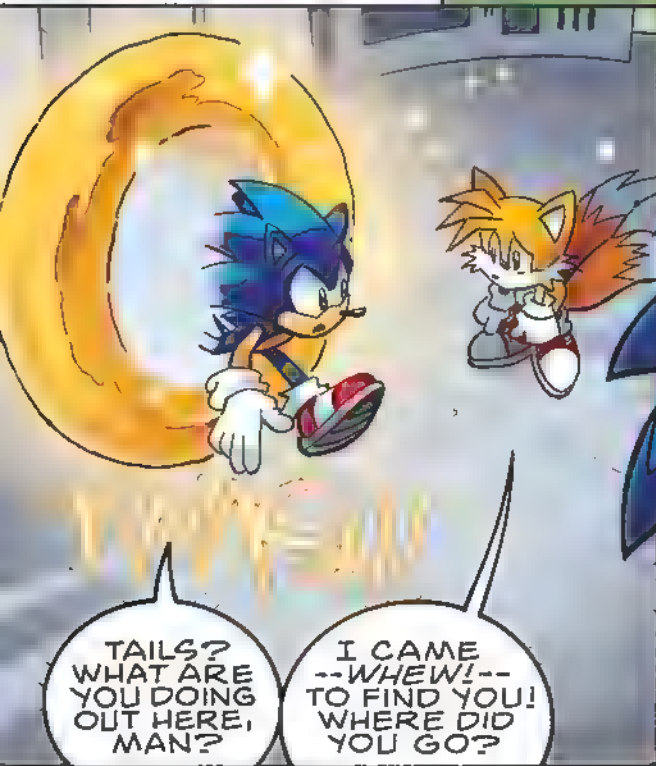
FORGET IT, I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT.



I KNOW YOUR PAST WITH SALLY. IF YOU WANT TO TALK...

CONTACT THE OTHERS. WE NEED TO PUT THE WHOLE ISLAND ON GUARD.

IS SONIC NOT OUR FRIEND ANY-MORE ...?

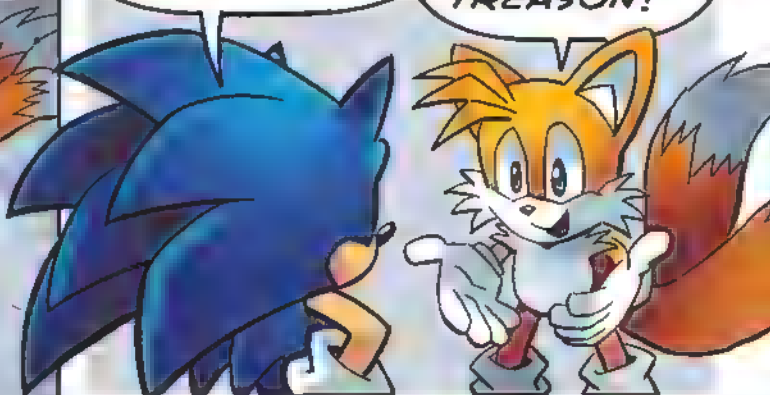


TAILS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE, MAN?

I CAME --WHEW!-- TO FIND YOU! WHERE DID YOU GO?

TO SEE HOW USELESS KNUCKLES IS. WHAT'S WRONG NOW?

ANTOINE JUST ARRESTED GEOFFREY FOR TREASON!



REALLY ?!



"THAT'S THE FIRST BIT OF GOOD NEWS ALL DAY!"

DEATH EGG--
ROBOTICS
LAB.

DAMAGE SEEMS LARGELY CONTAINED TO THE ROBOTICIZER CHAMBER, BUT THERE ARE SYSTEMATIC WIRING ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE DEATH EGG...

AND WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD MISSING, OUR EFFORTS TO REPAIR THINGS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY--

YES! YES, THIS WILL DO NICELY.

--YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO A WORD I'M SAYING, ARE YOU?

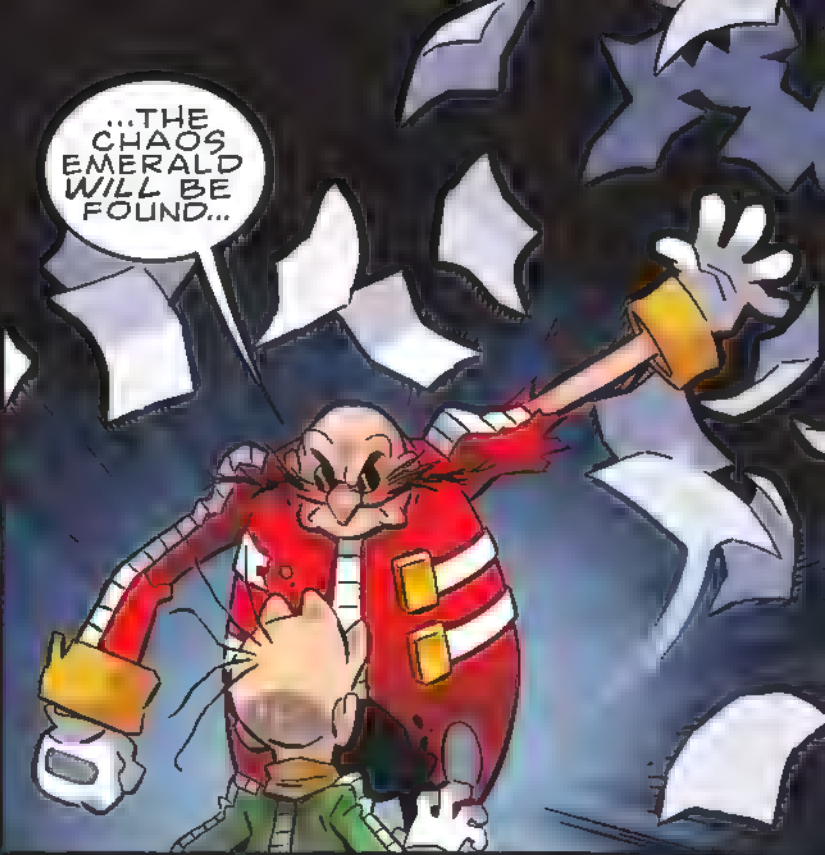
WHAT? CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?

WE'RE UNDER-POWERED AND BARELY FLYING! IT'S A MIRACLE WE HAVEN'T CRASHED YET, AND YOU'RE BUSY WORKING ON ONE ROBOT!

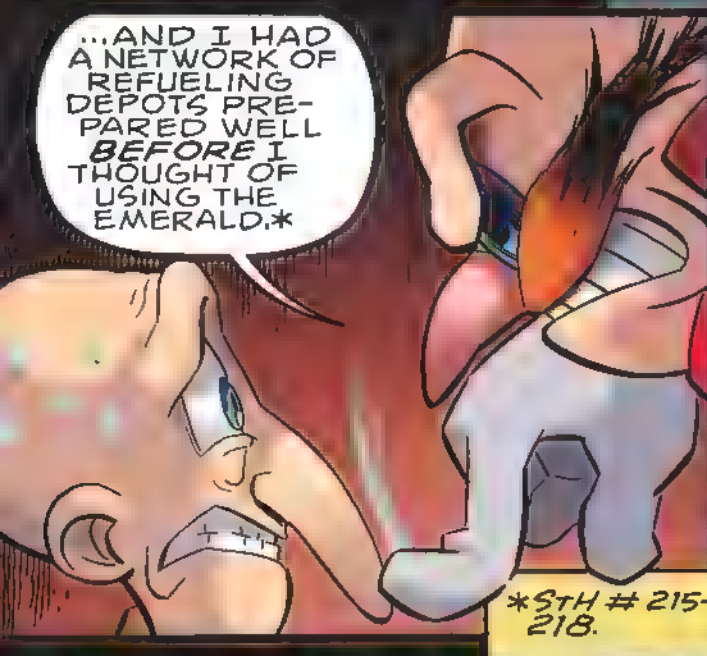
...AND THE GOOD NEWS IS THE RESERVE POWER IS HOLDING. WE LOST A LOT OF ENERGY WHEN YOU FIRED ON THE CITY, BUT WE'RE MAKING UP FOR SOME OF IT NOW THAT WE LAUNCHED THAT TITAN METAL SONIC.



THE EGG MITES WILL HANDLE THE REPAIRS...



...THE CHAOS EMERALD WILL BE FOUND...



...AND I HAD A NETWORK OF REFUELING DEPOTS PREPARED WELL BEFORE I THOUGHT OF USING THE EMERALD.*




SO RELAX.

*STH # 215-218.



NOW GET OUT AND LET ME WORK!




FINE! IF YOU'RE GOING TO DISTRACT YOURSELF LIKE THIS, I'LL TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION!*


*SEE SU # 37-- "SCRAMBLED," THE EGGMAN ARC.

Eggman is shown from the chest up, holding a large, red, metallic robot head. He has a smug expression. The background shows industrial machinery.


OH, LITTLE PRINCESS! YOU USED TO BE SUCH A PROBLEM FOR ME!

Eggman stands next to a large, open chest of drawers. He is holding a small, white, cylindrical object. He has a satisfied look.

YOU ORGANIZED THAT LITTLE GROUP OF CHILDREN AND MANAGED TO UPSET EVERYTHING FOR YEARS. SONIC WAS YOUR W.M.D., BUT YOU AIMED HIM.

A close-up of Eggman's face as he adjusts his glasses. He has a serious expression.

YOU MAY HAVE SAVED HALF OF MOBIUS FROM ME, BUT YOU EXPOSED THE HEART OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

Eggman is shown from the chest up, holding a glowing, futuristic device. He has a determined and somewhat menacing expression.

AND I PLAN TO MAKE THE MOST OF THAT!

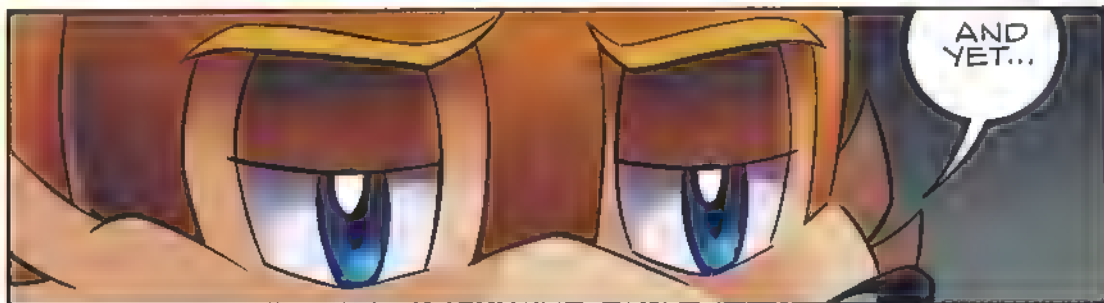
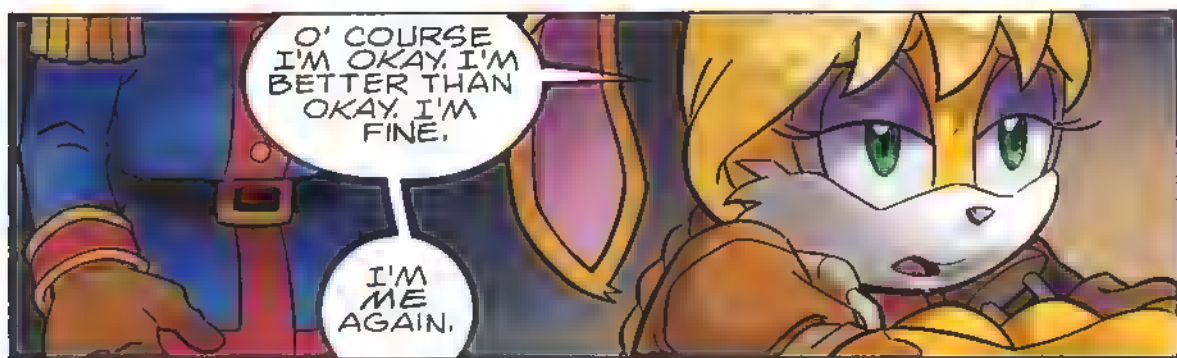
NEXT TIME:
ALL THE ANSWERS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IN
THE TRIAL OF GEOFFREY ST. JOHN!

UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT *SONIC UNIVERSE* AND THE *SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!*

Fragile



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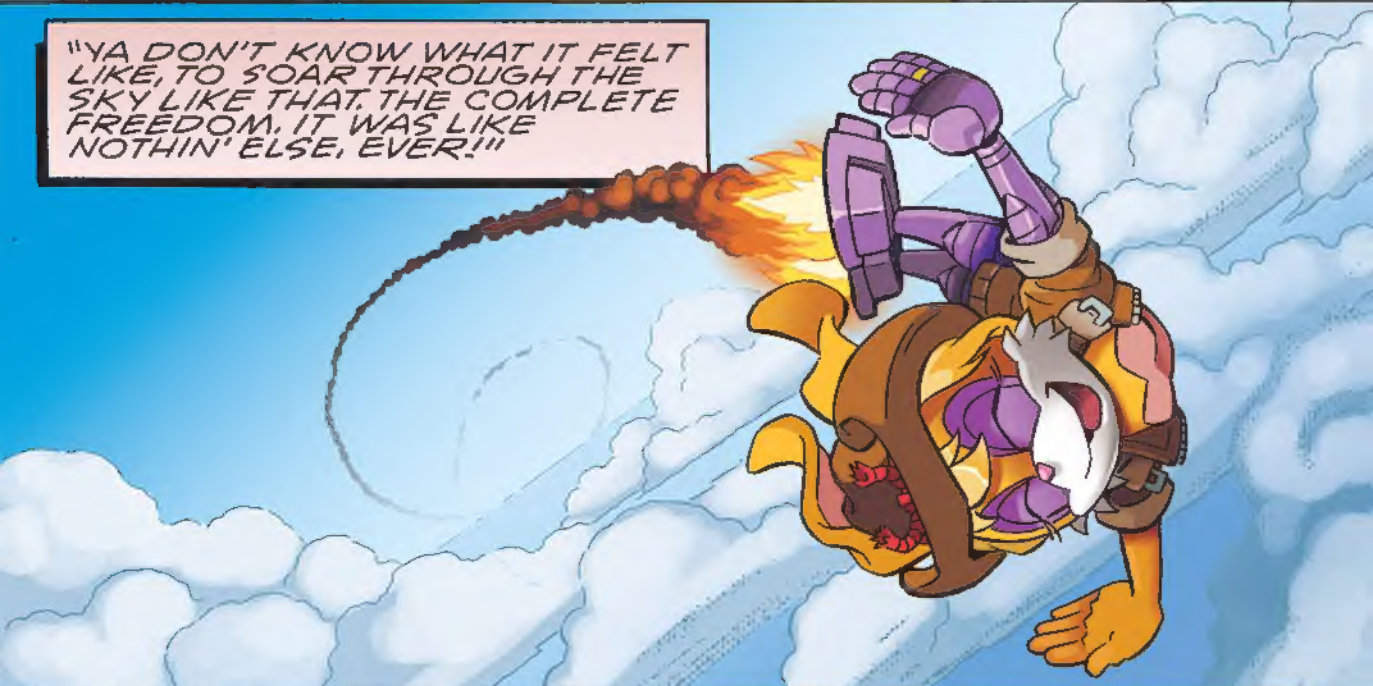




I'VE WANTED THIS FOR SO LONG, TO BE MAHSELF AGAIN, I'VE DREAMED OF IT.



ONLY NOW...



"YA DON'T KNOW WHAT IT FELT LIKE, TO SOAR THROUGH THE SKY LIKE THAT. THE COMPLETE FREEDOM, IT WAS LIKE NOTHIN' ELSE, EVER!"



AND NOW HERE I AM.



GROUNDED.

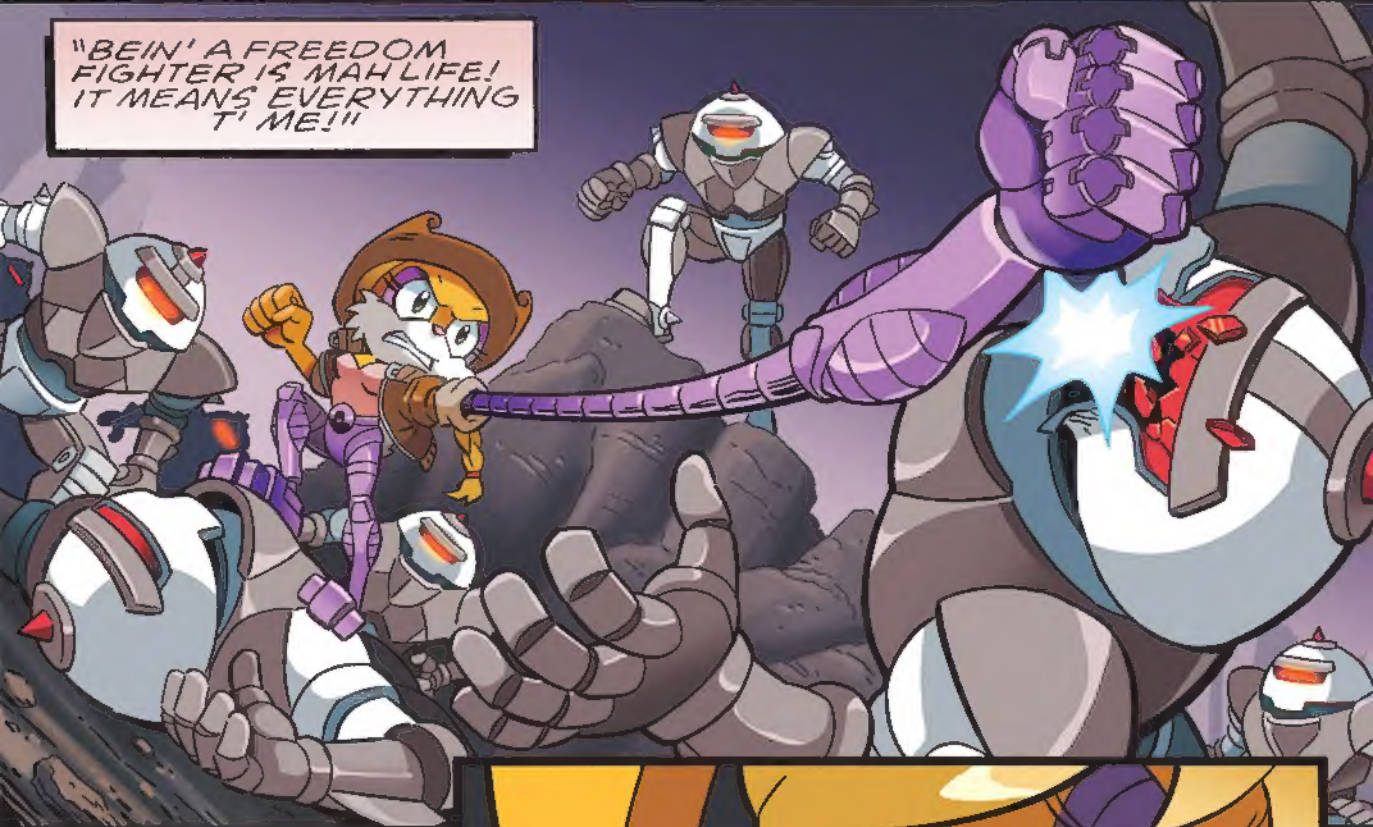
I KNOW ZE TRANSITION IS DIFFICULT, BUT STILL, YOU HAVE REGAINED SO MUCH. YOU JUST NEED SOME TIME TO ADJUST--



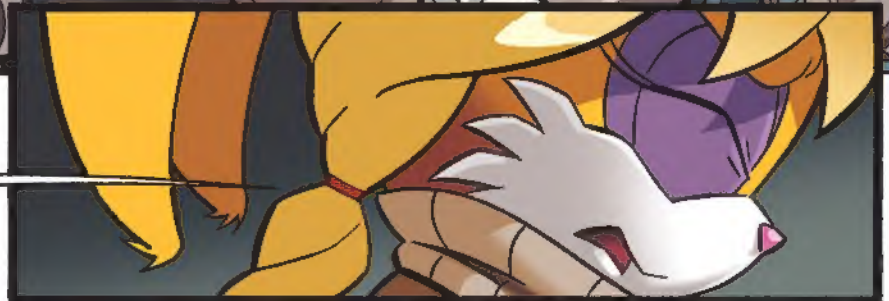
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!



"BEIN' A FREEDOM FIGHTER IS MAH LIFE! IT MEANS EVERYTHING T' ME!!"



WHAT GOOD AM I NOW?



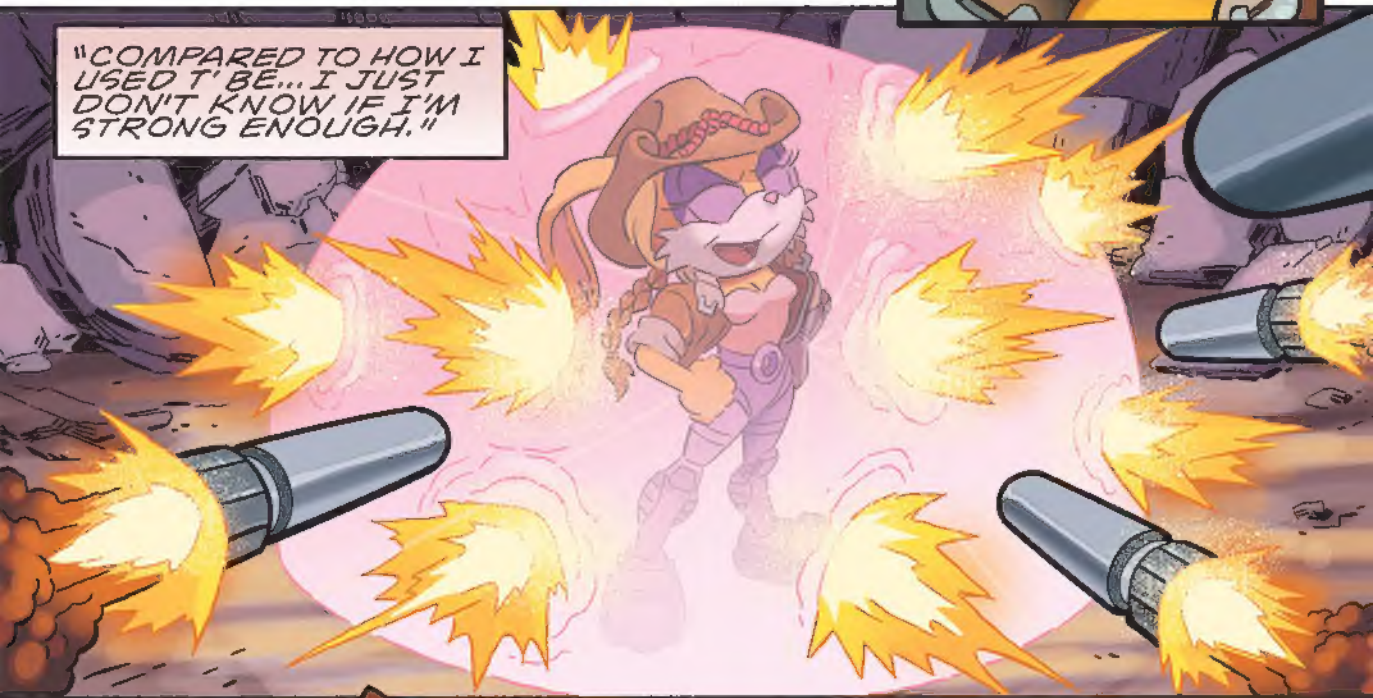


NONSENSE! I HAVE NO SPECIAL POWERS, NO AMAZING GIFTS, YET I STILL DO MY PART, DO I NOT?

YES, O' COURSE, BUT...



BUT NOW, I FEEL SO WEAK, SO FRAGILE...



"COMPARED TO HOW I USED T' BE... I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I'M STRONG ENOUGH."



YOU? NOT STRONG ENOUGH? YOU MUST BE JOKING.



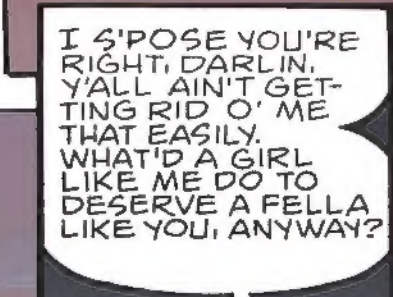
IT WAS NOT ZE METAL THAT MADE YOU STRONG, BUNNIE. IT NEVER WAS.



IT WAS YOU ALL ALONG. IT WAS ALWAYS YOU.



YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO CONTRIBUTE, TO FIGHT, AND YOU WILL BE MAGNIFICENT.



I S'POSE YOU'RE RIGHT, DARLIN. Y'ALL AIN'T GETTING RID O' ME THAT EASILY. WHAT'D A GIRL LIKE ME DO TO DESERVE A FELLA LIKE YOU, ANYWAY?



ZAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE MY GIRL! AFTER ALL, MA CHERIE, AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

END